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<u>Amendments to the Abstract</u>

Please remove the Abstract and replace it with the following:

ABSTRACT

The invention provides a system for determining whether a patient is eligible to receive benefits under a healthcare assistance program. Initial patient information is used to make an initial determination as to whether the patient is likely to qualify for benefits. The initial patient information is compared to a set of well-established criteria and probability models. The probability models are based on past experience in obtaining benefits for patients. If the initial patient information satisfies one of the well-established criteria or the probability models, then additional patient information is obtained. The patient information is compared to the eligibility requirements for the assistance program. If the comparison indicates that it is likely that the patient will qualify for benefits under the assistance program, then an application for the assistance program is provided and the application is completed and submitted.

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